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### Empire Exhibition.

#### *The British Empire Exhibition.*

394 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have accepted, or propose to accept, the resolution of the Legislative Council regarding the non-incurring of any further liability on account of the British Empire Exhibition ;

(b) whether any further liability has been incurred on this account, since the above resolution was passed by the Legislative Council ; and

(c) whether there are any further liabilities which are expected to be incurred on this account, and, if so, the nature and extent of these liabilities ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answers to clauses (c) and (b) of question No. 71.

(c) No further liabilities are expected to be incurred so far as can be foreseen at present.

### Industries.

#### *Christian representation in certain departments.*

395 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(1) the number of Christians employed in the Departments of Industries and Fisheries on posts carrying a salary of Rs. 50 and upwards ; and

(2) the number of scholarships granted to Christian students by the aforesaid departments during 1920–21, 1921–22 and 1922–23 ?

A.—(1) The figures will be found in due course in the returns prescribed in G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, as modified by G.O. No. 563, Public, dated 21st July 1923.

(2) The Government have no information.

#### *Allotments made under the State Aid to Industries Act.*

396 Q.—Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place on the Council Table a statement containing information on the following heads in connexion with the working of the State Aid to Industries Act :—

(a) the amount allotted and available for the purpose of giving loans under the enactment ;

(b) the numbers and the names of the applicants for loans, the amounts applied for and the amounts sanctioned to each up to now and the grounds of rejection in case of rejection ; and

(c) the amount that is likely to be distributed on loans before the end of the current official year ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A sum of Rs. 8 lakhs was originally allotted but owing to unavoidable delay in constituting the Board no loans have been, or are likely to be, sanctioned in the current official year.

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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" May I request the hon. the Minister for Development to lay on the table the numbers and names of applicants for loans ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I regret I am unable to do so as there is a difference of opinion with regard to its desirability. "

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" I wish to know how many applications have been received. "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I want notice. "

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" The question is already there. "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" The answer that could be given is also there already. "

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether the Board formed in December had no opportunity of functioning itself till the end of March ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" It is not completely formed. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" Will the application be placed before the Board of Industries now that it is constituted ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" They will be forwarded as soon as it fully constituted. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" May I know when it is likely to be completely constituted. "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Replies as to consent have not yet been received from some members who have been communicated with. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" Is it left to them, Sir, to determine the date also ? "

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" Is not the grant of 8 lakhs liable to lapse if the Board does not meet before March end ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Of course. "

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it likely that it will be restored ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" The Budget is under consideration. "

*The sugar industry.*

397 Q.—Mr. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware of the leaderette in the *Hindu*, dated 31st December 1923, on the prospects of the sugar industry ;

(b) how many tons of refined sugar were imported last year into the Presidency ;

(c) why a large quantity of refined sugar was imported in spite of great facilities for sugarcane production ;